

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of the claims provided below will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A surgical claw-cutting tool ~~with~~ comprising:
two an upper and lower shearing blades (5, 6) disposed respectively on an upper and lower leg, said blades being which can be moved movable towards one another in the manner of scissors or clippers by means of two handles, (1, 2) and which blades form a round or curved cutting opening; and
~~- (15), characterized in that~~ a transilluminator (8) with lighting means, is disposed on
~~firmly connected to a component of the claw-cutting tool, arranged below the cutting opening (15) in such a way that the light from one (19, 20) of the lighting means of the transilluminator (8) is directed toward the cutting opening (15).~~
2. (Currently amended) The claw-cutting tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the transilluminator (8) is arranged on the lower shearing blade (6).
3. (Currently amended) The claw-cutting tool as claimed in claim 1 ~~and 2,~~ further comprising ~~characterized in that~~ light guides ~~are provided~~ for bringing the light (19, 20) of the transilluminator (8) to the cutting opening (15).
4. (Currently amended) The claw-cutting tool as claimed in claim 1 ~~and 2,~~ wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the transilluminator (8) is made from a transparent material into which the lighting means are embedded.
5. (Currently amended) The claw-cutting tool as claimed in ~~the preceding claims,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the lighting means are light-emitting diodes.
6. (Currently amended) The claw-cutting tool as claimed in ~~the preceding claims,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ in claim 1, further comprising a battery compartment, and wherein the lighting means are connected by means of a power line (14) via an on/off switch (11) to a the

battery compartment, (10) which is preferably arranged in a handle (1 or 2) of the claw-cutting tool.

7. (Currently amended) The claw-cutting tool as claimed in ~~the preceding claims,~~ claim 1, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ different illumination intensities can be set for the lighting means.

8. (Currently amended) The claw-cutting tool as claimed in ~~the preceding claims,~~ claim 1, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ the transilluminator (8) comprises ~~is assigned~~ a sensor (9) which detects the spectral wavelength of ~~the~~ red blood cells (18) and/or measures the absorption of the light (19, 20).

9. (Currently amended) The claw-cutting tool as claimed in ~~the preceding claims,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, further comprising a securing device (13) for securing which ~~fixes the~~ a claw (17) before the a cutting operation, ~~is arranged on the claw-cutting tool,~~ preferably in the region of the shearing blades (5, 6).

10. (Currently amended) The claw-cutting tool as claimed in ~~the preceding claims,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, further comprising a claw ejection opening, (16), disposed ~~is provided~~ in the lower leg, (4) ~~of the claw-cutting tool.~~

11. (New) The claw-cutting tool as claimed in claim 6, wherein the battery compartment is arranged in one of the two handles.

12. (New) The claw-cutting tool of claim 9, wherein the securing device is disposed adjacent to the shearing blades.